

Braddock Rd Widening

Red Fox Forest Civic Association (RFFCA) Committee Member Input:

Following concerns have been raised after February's introduction of the project. Additional issues may be raised as the project becomes better defined and details are provided. HOWEVER, *The concerns raised apply **now**, whether the project proceeds or not.*

Walking access to KP Shopping Center and the East bound Metro bus stops from Red Fox Forest is problematic:

There is only one place to legally cross Braddock Rd from Red Fox Forest between Woodland Way and Guinea Rd. This makes accessing the King's Park Shopping Center and/or the two East bound Braddock Rd bus stops that service Red Fox Forest difficult, unsafe, and time consuming:

- To be legal, a RFF resident must walk East on the North side of Braddock Rd on a largely below grade (out of sight - safety) hilly path to the intersection of Braddock Rd with Woodland Way/Burke Lake Rd, then cross over Braddock Rd and finally walk West back to either the shopping center or the two bus stops.
- This lack of access results in pedestrians doing ***the Braddock Rd Dash*** across **4 lanes of traffic** at the Eastern entrance to Red Fox Forest or **5 lanes of traffic (adding the Right Turn lane)** at the intersection with Rolling Rd, if coming from the Western entrance.
 - One East bound bus stop is located across from Eastern entrance to Red Fox Forest (Red Fox Dr)
 - A second East bound bus stop is located adjacent to Rolling Rd, across from the Western entrance to Red Fox Forest (the other end of Red Fox Dr)
 - Once across Braddock Rd, a service road directly opposite Eastern entrance to RFF provides pedestrian access to King's Park Shopping Center
 - Additionally, there is no walking path on South side of Braddock Rd from the service road to the Exxon service station

Bus stop on the East bound side of Braddock Rd adjacent to the West entrance to Red Fox Forest has an inadequate area for boarding and alighting the bus.

There is no protection from passing vehicles, a safety issue, nor is there protection from passengers being splattered by accumulated water, snow, ice, and road treatment materials, due to the proximity of the standing area to the road surface.

- This has been raised before in the last 12 months. The answer that came back was that the area around the bus stop could not be expanded do to the terrain immediately adjacent to the bus stop. This is an inadequate answer. It does nothing to provide a safe area to get on/off the bus, reasonably protected from the residue of the weather
- If this road project goes forward, then this problem needs to be addressed and a solution incorporated in the construction plan.

Inadequate drainage of rainwater, snow & ice melt on North side of Braddock Rd at the Eastern entrance to Red Fox Forest:

- Braddock Rd and shoulder are still inclined uphill to the West as they pass the Eastern Red Fox Dr entrance
- Leaves, sand & gravel, dead limbs and branches accumulate on the shoulder of the road and the immediately adjacent wooded area
- There is no drainage ditch or culvert to drain the water away
- The water, having no where else to go, pools at the entrance
 - During a heavy rain this pooling can cover fully half of the entrance to Red Fox Drive and take days to evaporate
- Residents have used hoes in an attempt to open a drainage channel to lead the water over the crest and down toward the intersection with Rolling Rd
 - It is a great deal of work for which we are not equipped to properly do the job. The required channel should be about a foot plus deep. Our efforts have been only partly, and temporarily successful in *reducing* the pooled water